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FACT SHEET
United Rigging and Hauling Site
Beltsville, Maryland

- March 28, 1985 - Prince George's County Health Department responded to a complaint, reference oil in a storm drainage culvert. One sample from the oil/water interface was obtained.
- April 12, 1985 - Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) analytical lab results from the 3/28/85 sample showed the sample to contain 235 ppm PCB. Prince George's County Health Department notified DHMH, Office of Environmental Programs, Waste Management Administration (OEP/WMA). Hazardous Waste Strike Force notified of lab results by WMA.
- April 17, 1985 - OEP/WMA personnel returned to do additional sampling of the water, soils, and sediment from the storm drainage culvert, as well as from an unnamed tributary to Indian Creek.
- April 30, 1985 - DHMH analytical lab results returned to OEP/WMA showing PCB contamination in the soils and sediments at the storm drainage culvert.
- May 1, 1985 - Search warrant executed on United Rigging and Hauling Company by the Maryland Hazardous Waste Strike Force (HWSF).
- May 6, 1985 - As a result of initial laboratory results being received by the HWSF, the Maryland Attorney General's office requested and received court authorization to disclose information obtained during execution of the search warrant in order to alert OEP/WMA of a potential health and environmental threat at United Rigging and Hauling.
- May 7, 1985 - Lab results forwarded to OEP/WMA by the HWSF indicated additional areas of PCB contamination at United Rigging and Hauling's property. OEP/WMA contacted EPA, Region III, Philadelphia, with request to activate Superfund for this site.
- May 8, 1985 - EPA/OSC utilized his emergency authorities to activate Superfund.
- May 8, 1985 - OEP/WMA and EPA, Region III personnel met with United Rigging and Hauling Company representatives. Emergency actions, to prevent further off-site migration of PCB, identifying and delineating potential hazard areas, and implementation of security measures, were initiated during the night.
- May 9-12, 1985 - Emergency containment and abatement actions, as well as a more intensive sampling of the unnamed tributary and Indian Creek between Ammendale and Odell Roads were completed.
- May 13, 1985 - Additional funding for an intensive measuring and sampling phase to determine the extent of contamination was approved by EPA, Region III.

- May 13-20,
1985
- Measuring and sampling phase of work continuing. Lab results received to date have been collected and plotted to locate areas of contamination.

Summary of Measure and Sample Phase

- A. - Approximately 800 transformers located within a fenced area on United Rigging and Hauling's property.
- B. - Approximately 50 transformers located in a separate area on United Rigging and Hauling's property.
- C. - Approximately 20 soil and sediment samples from the unnamed tributary and Indian Creek between Ammendale and Odell Roads.
- D. - Approximately 15 soil and sediment samples from the storm water drainage culvert area.
- E. - Approximately 25 surface soil samples from United Rigging and Hauling's property.
- F. - Approximately 8 subsurface soil samples in the identified high contamination zone on United Rigging and Hauling's property.

Summary of Superfund Funding

Phase I - Emergency Action - \$50,000.00

Phase II - Measuring and Sampling - \$225,000.00 Ceiling

Phase III - Removal and Disposal - To be determined from Phase II information

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONSENT ORDER SIGNED FOR PCB CLEANUP IN BELTSVILLE, MD.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. - - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Maryland have signed an administrative consent order under sub-section 106A of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) with the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco), and United Rigging and Hauling Company (United) to complete cleanup of PCBs at the United Rigging and Hauling facility in Beltsville, Prince George's County, Maryland.

After determining PCBs at the ten acre site posed an immediate threat to human health through direct contact and off-site migration, EPA initiated an immediate removal action May 9, 1985 to control offsite migration of PCBs and determine the impact of contamination on a nearby tributary of the Indian Creek, and soil on site.

Sample results have shown concentrations of PCBs in transformers at high levels, in drainage culverts as high as 2,670 parts per million and in stained soil as high as 55,000 parts per million.

Pepco and United will provide site security, sample soil and sediment, remove transformers and excavate and remove contaminated soil during the twelve week project.

Pepco sold a number of electrical transformers to United Rigging and Hauling between 1981 and December 1983. Some of the transformers may have contained PCB contaminated mineral oil.